

The New York State Department of Transportation has purchased over 300 American Honda Civic GX dedicated natural gas sedans since production of the vehicle began in 1995. These vehicles operate all over the State of New York.

In the early summer of 2002, one of NYSDOT's Civic GXs was involved in a very serious accident.



A NYSDOT employee was driving a dedicated natural gas Honda Civic GX on a public highway in the early summer of 2002. He was struck from behind by a fully loaded gasoline tanker truck.



The Civic was crushed to the “B” pillar behind the driver’s seat.



The driver walked away. There was no leak or rupture of the natural gas fuel tank or system.





According to the NYSDOT fleet manager, the accident investigator stated that the strength provided by compressed natural gas fuel tank probably saved the driver's life.